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## CURRENT TOPICS.

Denver proposes to bore for gas and oil. Utah has abolished all export duties.

Englishman Olcott carries \$50,000 life insurance.

Edwards, Tenn., has a belle named Lady Love.

Barton McGucken, the opera tenor, gets \$750 a week.

The King of Siam, thirty years old, has thirty children.

Data asks five million dollars for his New York Sun.

Krupp, the gun-maker, is pressing Turkey for cash down.

Overhead wires in Berlin are all to be placed underground.

Snow-shedding bees are an ingenious recreation in Nebraska.

Jefferson's will is on file in the old district building at Washington.

"Patients Healed by Divine Aid" is the sign of a faith doctor in Boston.

A Kansas City bank cashier can tell a bad bill by the sound of the paper.

General John Johnston, now seventy-five, is well preserved and as straight as an arrow.

A good many have been cut up and built over, but there are still 454 burying grounds in London.

Eighty million dollars will be paid this year in pensions. Ten years ago \$27,000,000 was paid in pensions.

It is said that during the last century about two thousand species of insects have been discovered yearly.

The farmers of the Northwest are loudly complaining of the great blockade on the Canadian Pacific road.

An Arkansas court has sentenced a man to three years imprisonment for stealing a two-dollar bill.

Mayor Rogers, of Chicago, will not allow children to buy cigarettes if he can help it. And he thinks he can help it.

A blind cat at Oswego, N. Y., prowls about all over town, but always finds its way home without assistance.

Some of the Nashville ministers are moving against the publication of their church notices in the Sunday morning papers.

A New York correspondent asserts that there are fifty widows in that city with fortunes ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

An unfortunate Maine baby that happened to be born on the day of her grandparents' golden wedding was named Anna Vervary.

Pope Leo is very fond of the classical language, of which he has a wide and critical knowledge. He knows Horace and Virgil by heart.

Benny, the English hangerman, has executed 113 persons up to the present time, sixteen of them having been in Ireland and two in Scotland.

As a result of John L. Sullivan's British career, a dealer has sold three hundred sets of boxing gloves, as against about a dozen the year before.

An L. S. S. S., the richest Chinaman in San Francisco, is a millionaire, and there is a Chinaman in Laporte, Cal., whose fortune is reckoned at \$1,000,000.

Bon Tomson's monument is having a hard time. The first one was sunk at sea. The second proved to be of defective marble, and now a third is being made.

A herd of almost 2,000 Angora goats, "about which nobody knows any thing," it is reported, are running at large along the banks of Little Wood River, L. T.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Times says the Hungarian press records with regret an alarming increase in emigration from Hungary to America.

The wife of Mr. John R. Shelton, of Paducah, Ky., recently gave birth to three fine boys, weighing 25½ pounds. They have been named Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

A Port Henry man has won the everlasting gratitude of near-sighted men by inventing a hatching-post which drops out of sight whenever no horse is attached to it.

It has been decided in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that a person may fry onions, regardless of the inconvenience the odor of the cooking gives to the neighbors.

Everything is lovely in Europe, according to Bismarck, but it is necessary to increase the German reserve force 700,000 in order that this state of things may continue.

Prof. St. Andrews, of the Central Experimental Farm of Canada, proposes trying some experiments with a hardy variety of tea grown in Japan, and which, it is hoped, may prove successful in the Dominion.

Old "Buckskin," the horse rode by Lieutenant Baker, of Lansing, Mich., in the capture of J. Wilkes Booth, died in that city a few days ago. His skin will be mounted and placed on exhibition in the State museum.

It is wondered why the vice-president of the Metropolitan Bank, Cincinnati, when he discovered that the crash was inevitable, did not De Camp. Probably he could not leave without Means. This is not copyrighted.

Means from Arkansas in the House refuse to recognize any other pronunciation of the name of their State than Arkansas, the Legislature having declared that to be the only legal designation of that Commonwealth.

Florida promises to become a large producer of opium. The poppy grows there very readily and larger than anywhere else in the United States. Sixteen plants will produce an ounce of opium and an acre should give a profit of \$1,000.

Commissioner Colman, of the Agricultural Bureau, receives many queer letters. A recent one requested "a remedy for avarice in horses," and another which was "Government Farmer," suggested that he ought to look after such matters.

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Robinson are solid citizens of Charleston, Mass. They have been married fifty years; Mr. Robinson weighs 275 pounds, Mrs. Robinson weighs 225, and of their seven living children none weighs less than 200 pounds.

Princess Beatrice is so offended with the treatment of her husband Prince Henry of Battenberg, that she hardly speaks to any of her brothers or sisters. She has petitioned the Queen to make her husband a Duke, and is desirous of abdicating her royal rank.

Wm. J. Drake and Miss Lou Watson were married at the home of the bride near Paola, Kas. This is one of the smallest (if not the smallest) couples in that State, the groom being forty inches high and weighing 90 pounds, and the bride thirty-eight inches high and weighing 70 pounds.

## TERRIFIC FIGHT

Between a Man and a Powerful Newfoundland Dog.

Fearfully Lacerated About the Throat, the Man is About to Give Up When His Wife Hands Him a Butcher Knife.

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—Christ Heesler was nearly killed Saturday evening by his two-year-old Newfoundland dog, which he had raised to guard the premises at night. The brute was vicious to all except Heesler's family, and was kept chained during the day. On the evening he was given the freedom of the butcher's back yard, and when Christ claimed the right to rule there, and enforced his claim with a kick, the dog flew at him and a terrible fight ensued for ten minutes, in which four members of the Heesler family took part against the dog. The brute, weighing 160 pounds, notwithstanding the shower of blows rained upon him on all sides, seemed bent on Heesler's throat, and pinned the strong butcher's left arm across his chest as he gnawed to the bone. Knocked down by the powerful blows of the butcher, the dog flew back at his master and tore his breast and sides with his sharp fangs until the pain and loss of blood weakened the man and he fell to the ground in the power of the frenzied brute. Mrs. Heesler's presence of mind saved the man. Early in the fight she had procured a butcher knife, but was unable to use it without danger to her husband. The blade was quickly passed to him, and in a few moments the brute was lying dead, severed from his body. Heesler is in a very critical condition, his chest, neck and arms being badly lacerated. His recovery is thought to be very doubtful.

## MEANEST MAN ON RECORD.

He Steals a Half Dollar From a Dead Man's Eye and Replaces It With a Cent.

St. Isaac, Mich., Feb. 8.—The old adage of a man "being mean enough to steal cents off a dead man's eyes" has been actually worked out here, and the meanest man on earth, James Hughes by name, has been arrested, and is now in jail for the offense. Yesterday Watson Sherman was accidentally killed, and the body was laid out in Walker's undertaking rooms. The dead man's face was battered horribly, and a silver half dollar was put on one of the eyes to hold the lid down. Hughes loathed the body until he thought he was unobserved, and then he stole the silver piece, substituting a copper cent in its place. Hughes was soon after arrested and pleaded guilty, but excused himself on the plea that he had been drinking and did not know what he was doing. During the trial the court-room was crowded, and the spectators shouted: "Brain the blackguard!" "Tar and feather the brute!" "Lynch him!" and the marshal had to keep a strict watch for the safety of the prisoner. Judge Rutherford held Hughes in \$1,000 bail, and he will be tried for his sacrilegious larceny at the next session of the circuit court.

## REARRESTED.

De Camp Surrendered by His Bondsmen and Experiences Difficulty in Securing a New Bail.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 8.—Vice-President John R. De Camp, of the Metropolitan Bank, was surrendered to the Government to-day by his bondsmen. It looked for a long time like Mr. De Camp would be unable to secure bondsmen, and that he would be committed to jail. But after a great deal of hustling the proper signatures were secured, and De Camp was released. The arrest of President Means and Vice-President De Camp does not mean that they are the only ones the Government will prosecute. Notwithstanding the fact that there will be no more arrests, there will be several sensational developments when the grand jury meets. The jury was dismissed by Judge Sage until next Tuesday at the session of the court in cases of Mr. Means and De Camp, those of Directors Duckworth, Roth and Gerke will also be presented. The charges will be that of misappropriation of the funds of the bank. It is understood that a number of other officers will be indicted.

## Uncommon Kind of "Honesty."

HIGHMORE, DAK., Feb. 8.—Homer James, the city clerk, who is \$10,000 short in his accounts has been discharged after a thorough and earnest prosecution. The cause of this action was that James was strictly honest and had not profited personally by the shortage. He had simply given up his position, and had sent money to any friend who asked him, taking neither receipt or note.

## Millionaire Murdered.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Amos J. Snell, a millionaire, was found murdered in his bed this morning at his residence, 435 Washington Boulevard. The object was robbery. Three arrests were made of suspicious characters, with strong circumstantial evidence of their guilt. The assassin secured nothing but non-negotiable paper for their night's work.

## Oil in Indian Territory.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—A dispatch from Lehigh, L. T., says: Oil was struck here yesterday at a depth of 917 feet, and is flowing at the rate of a barrel an hour.

## In the First Degree.

NASHVILLE, Feb. 8.—Henry Marshall, who killed Wm. Mason, at Soddy, Tenn., has been found guilty of murder in the first degree.

## A Terrible Fall.

DETROIT, Feb. 8.—John Rice, pit boss at the Lucy Mine, Negaunee, Mich., fell into a shaft 150 feet deep and was instantly killed.

## Another Cable Accident.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 8.—One person was fatally mangled and ten others injured in an accident on the cable road this evening. In going down a grade the grip became disarranged and the train went down the road at a terrific rate, colliding with another train standing at the bottom of the hill.

## Died of a Broken Heart.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 8.—A. H. Green, father of Miss Jessie Green, who was killed on the Cincinnati Southern railroad, died suddenly, in this city, of a broken heart.

## UNDER THE KNIFE.

Tracheotomy Performed Upon the Crown Prince.

SAN REMO, Feb. 8.—The breathing of the Crown Prince was found to be much worse this morning, and, at a consultation of the physicians in attendance, it was decided that the operation of tracheotomy must be performed to-day. A telegram had been sent to Professor Bergmann, at Berlin, urging him to hasten his arrival, but at noon the doctors, doubtful whether it would be safe to await Dr. Bergmann's arrival, came to the conclusion to operate immediately. Dr. Bergmann was chosen to perform the operation, which was successfully carried out at three o'clock in the afternoon in the large sitting-room of the villa, which had been converted into a hospital. Drs. Mackenzie, Lovell, Schroeder, and Krause were present. They all expressed their entire approval of the manner in which it was done. The Crown Prince bore the pain without flinching, and soon experienced relief as the result of the operation. The medical experts state their belief that the chances for recovery are largely increased by the soothing effects of the patient's improved respiration. Not a teaspoonful of blood was lost. The duration of the operation was ten minutes, and was performed without the use of chloroform. Dr. Mackenzie feared it would complicate matters. The Prince's respiration is now easy and natural, and he has slept quietly during the evening.

## FOUND IN A CHICKEN-COOP.

A Fat Pocket-book Picked Up By the Owner of Some Missing Poultry.

AKRON, O., Feb. 9.—H. Hillard, a resident of Doylestown, near here, made a very strange discovery in his chicken-coop this morning. For some time past he has noticed that his chickens were being stolen, and this morning the number of fowls were considerably reduced. He, however, found a rich reward in a pocket-book that lay in the coop and that contained \$5 in cash, besides the name of a well-known business man of Wadsworth, about five miles from Doylestown. As to how that pocket-book got into Hillard's chicken-coop is the talk of the town.

## English Parliament Opened.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Parliament opened this morning. The Queen's speech, after congratulating the king upon his peaceful foreign relations, announces the intention of the Government to introduce a bill declaring squares and thoroughfares unsuitable for public gatherings, a bill of broad scope dealing with Irish land valuation, and an English local government bill. The speech expresses satisfaction at the diminution of crime and the improved social condition in Ireland. Other measures announced are bills relating to land transfers, titles, amendment of the limited liability companies acts, employers' liability for accidents, and improved technical education. The speech does not refer to the European crisis.

## Smiled on the Gallows.

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Clement Arthur Day was executed in the jail this morning. Day clasped his hands after the death warrant was read and smiled. On walking over the ice in the jail-yard he laughed heartily over the fall of the sheriff, Rev. E. Owen, a newspaper reporter and Special Deputy Burke, exclaiming: "That's four of them!" He yawned while his legs were being strapped on the scaffold. He assisted Deputy Ballou in adjusting the rope about his neck, and when the cap was being drawn over his face, he smiled as the body was cut down the smile was still there.

## Confessions by Wholesale.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 8.—A late edition of the Evening Times publishes a sensational story concerning Wm. Patterson, the colored murderer, who was recently reprieved by Governor Buckner for a month. Patterson was to have been hanged January 27. An old negro named John Crow, who was confined in jail with Patterson, says the latter confessed to him the crime for which he was sentenced, and also other crimes for which innocent men now suffer.

## A Friglitful Death.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Feb. 9.—J. B. Mullon, a well-known citizen of this city, died while on the train on the B. and O. railroad, near Kanawha Station, ten miles out, when the fast passenger train rushed around the bend. The train struck Mullon and knocked him under the wheels, completely severing his head and crushing the body to a shapeless mass. The remains were gathered together and sent to his home.

## The Mercury Frozes in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Feb. 8.—Some low temperatures have been reported from northwestern points during the past twenty-four hours. At Duluth the minimum was 34 deg. below last night. From Pembina, Dak., 62 below is reported; at Montevideo, Minn., the mercury froze at 44 A. M. it was 34 below at Crookston, Minn.; at Neche, Dak., 56 below last night, at Moorhead, Minn., 43 below.

## For Life.

OTTAWA, ILL., Feb. 9.—The jury this morning in the circuit court returned a verdict of guilty and imprisonment for life against Geo. Holzer, who murdered his cousin, Nicholas Holz, at Streator on July 15 last. The former told the jury recommended the defendant to be hanged.

## Internal Revenue Stamps.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The special committee appointed to make an examination and count of the internal revenue stamps in the vaults of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, at the close of business January 14, last, has submitted its report to the Secretary. Every stamp was found to be properly accounted for.

## Only Two Hundred Lives Lost.

YANKEETOWN, DAK., Feb. 8.—The president of the Yankeetown board of trade publishes a statement that there were not more than two hundred lives lost by the blizzard, and not one thousand, as has been reported.

## Thousands of Marriages Illegal.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Feb. 8.—Investigations by a Minneapolis deputy show that thousands of marriages in Hennepin County during the past twenty years are not legal, the requirements of the law not having been observed.

## Learning the New System.

JOLLY, ILL., Feb. 9.—Prison officials from all parts of the country are here for a course of three days' instruction in the Berdell system of identification now in use in Russian, French and other prisons.

## BLOWN TO PIECES.

Two Tons of Blasting-Powder Exploded.

Entire Village Destroyed by the Concussion—Four Men Killed Outright and Forty Persons Wounded.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 10.—The entire Wyoming Valley was thrown into consternation to-day by an explosion which was felt distinctly for a distance of fifteen or twenty miles, and which was also perceptible to at least forty miles from the scene of the disaster. The trouble occurred at the Wapwallopen Powder Works, situated in the mountains, twenty miles from this city and fifteen miles distant from both Nanticoke and Hazleton. Not a house is standing within a mile of the place where the explosion occurred. The works destroyed belonged to the Duponts, of Wilmington, Del., and were used principally for the manufacture of blasting powder, which was supplied in great quantities to the many coal mines in the vicinity. The explosion was the most violent that ever occurred in the Wyoming Valley. The force of the shock was distinctly felt here. The windows in all the buildings rattled and fell, the building shook, and the big building shook violently. Wapwallopen chimneys toppled from the roofs of buildings, and children ran in terror from the school-houses. Men and women locked under the mines, where they thought the explosion had happened, and where the members of their families were at work. At Shikellony the glass in almost every window was broken, and many persons were thrown to the ground. At Hazleton the entire town was thrown into the most intense excitement. Every body at once ran into the streets, supposing that a general cave-in of the town was about to occur. Word was speedily received. At Wapwallopen nearly every building was damaged or wrecked, the latter including the new Methodist Church, which had only been dedicated last week, and stood three hundred feet from the scene of the explosion. The explosion occurred in the packing-house, where about two tons of what is known as black powder, an explosive and very dangerous material, was stored. The cause of the explosion of course will never be told. The concussion was terrific, and every thing was leveled in a second. Four men were instantly killed, the rest being blown to pieces, and their remains were gathered up far from the scene of the accident and placed in boxes. The can-house situated about one hundred yards away from the packing-house, was demolished, and only one person of the ten employed there escaped injury. Besides the killed, over forty persons were slightly injured by fragments of flying glass or other debris. The cause of the accident is not known, as all those who were in the building are dead.

## Farm Animal Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The February statistical report of the Department of Agriculture relates to numbers and values of farm animals. There is a reported increase in horses, mules and cattle, and a decrease in sheep and swine. The largest rate of increase is in horses—five per cent.—and it is general throughout the country, though largest west of the Mississippi. The aggregate of horses is thirteen million, the aggregate of mules is two million. The increase in cattle is 2½ per cent. The aggregate over forty-nine million. The increase is nearly as large in mules as in other cattle. In sheep the aggregate appears to be between two and three million. The aggregate of hogs being about forty-three and a half million. There is a smaller decline in numbers of swine, less than one per cent., leaving the aggregate over forty-four million. The aggregate value of all farm animals is \$5,000,000 more than a year ago.

## Roller Vessels.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 10.—Evidence against the mail in which the Dominion Government permits vessels totally unsuited to navigate the lakes and inland waters have been brought out. Nine-tenths of the large loss of life and property on the lakes last season was due to the lack of inspection, for which the Government is responsible, in permitting rotten old hulks to trade and carry freight on these waters. The lakes are literally alive with these floating coffins.

## More Powerful Than Ever.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—A special agent of the Treasury, investigating the reported opium smuggling at San Francisco, has ascertained that the old ring, which formerly imported opium from the East, has been reconstructed and is more powerful than ever.

## Cotton Exports.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Cotton exports from the United States during January past aggregated 542,474 bales, valued at \$30,070,490, against 682,334 bales, valued at \$39,040,548 in January, 1887.

## Express Robber Convicted.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 10.—John White was convicted to-day of robbing the Southern Express Company's office, in this city, of \$500, and sentenced to the penitentiary for four years.

## Sentenced to Death.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Edwin A. Deacon, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Ada Stone, was sentenced to be hanged Thursday, April 5. An appeal will be taken.

## Supersedes for Tom Woolfolk.

MAISON, Ga., Feb. 10.—Tom Woolfolk, who killed nine members of his family, was not hanged to-day. A supersedes had been granted.

## Fast Mail Service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The Postmaster General will make an effort to get mail from San Francisco to New York in 112 hours.

## Wolves Raising the Suburbs.

ST. CLOUIS, MISS., Feb. 10.—Wolves have become dangerously numerous in this vicinity. Last night several made a raid on a pig pen, nearly within the city limits, and destroyed nearly two thousand pounds of live hogs. A party of men started out this morning to kill the wolves.

## Metropolitan Bank Receiver.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The Comptroller of the Currency has appointed James H. Conville, of St. Louis, Mo., to be receiver of the Metropolitan Bank of Cincinnati.

## THE USUAL RESULT.

A Young Lady Playfully Fires an Old Musket at a Young Man, Blowing Off the Top of His Head.

OLNEY, Ill., Feb. 12.—Edward Ivy, aged seventeen, was accidentally killed by a young lady named Miss Shelly, about the same age, yesterday afternoon, at St. Marie, Ill., a village twenty miles north of here. A party of young gentlemen and ladies were gathered at the residence of Mr. Shelly, when some of the party proposed to take a hunt. Miss Shelly rushed in the house, brought an old musket supposed to be unloaded, and asked some of the men to allow her to snap some caps. The caps were handed her. She placed one on the gun, and laughingly raised it, saying: "Ed, I will play hunt with you," pulled the trigger, when, to the horror of all, the gun went off, the charge striking Ivy square in the forehead, tearing off the top of his head and killing him instantly. The parties to the affair are well respected, and the accident has cast a gloom over the little village.

## TREASURER MURDERED.

Another Terrible Tragedy in the Empire of Texas—Safe Robbed of Thousands.

JEFFERSON, TEX., Feb. 12.—At three o'clock this morning a messenger arrived at Marshall, direct from Carthage, thirty miles distant, bringing news of the murder of Mr. Hill, county treasurer of Panola County, by some unknown party or parties, about dusk Saturday last. Mr. Hill was struck three times on the head with an axe, crushing his skull, and his throat was cut from ear to ear. The safe containing the county money was robbed of \$10,000 or \$12,000. The messenger came to Marshall for the purpose of securing aid from Sheriff Perry, with his bloodhounds, to trace up, if possible, the murderer. Great excitement exists at Carthage, and the whole community are out searching for the murderer.

## Safe Blowers Caught in the Act.

CRAWFORDVILLE, IND., Feb. 12.—Two professional safe blowers were arrested at 1 o'clock this morning at Alamo, a small town ten miles west of the city, while drilling the safe in a store. The men were given their names as Charles Burton and Adam Shaffer. Both claim to be from Evansville, and say their former occupation was freight handlers on the river boats from Evansville down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. They had a complete outfit of tools and a quantity of a variety of jewelry was found in their possession when arrested.

## Strange Subterranean Fires.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Feb. 12.—The denizens of the neighborhood of Sigler's Landing, Tipton County, Tenn., on the Mississippi river, are greatly excited and in regard to fires which have been burning beneath the surface ever since the forest fires of last fall in their vicinity. The blaze is constantly issuing from crevices in the earth, and not even the heaviest snow and sleet and rains seem to have any effect on it. The belief prevails that there is a bed of coal beneath the surface which caught during the fire alluded to.

## Courier Silver Certificates.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department has discovered that a new counterfeit of the five-dollar silver certificate has been put in circulation. The bill is about three-sixteenths of an inch too short. There are no distinctive lines in the paper. The general appearance is good and liable to deceive.

## Blaine Not a Candidate.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 13.—Mr. B. F. Jones, chairman of the National Republican Committee, has received a letter from Mr. Blaine, dated Florence, Italy, January 25, declining to allow his name to be presented to the National Republican Convention.

## Forged Tickets to the Walking Match.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—One John Murphy was arraigned in the police court to-day on a charge of having forged about \$20 worth of tickets to the recent six days' go-as-you-please walk at Madison Square Garden. He confessed, and was held for trial.

## Sued for Damages.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 12.—W. J. Culbren has brought suit against W. T. Culbren, in this city, for \$25,000 damages for malicious prosecution, growing out of a former trial in which Culbren was charged with perjury.

## On a Tour of Inspection.

TOPEKA, Kas., Feb. 12.—Three delegates from the African Emigration Association, of this city, are on their way to the Dark Continent on a tour of inspection, with a view to colonizing colored people in that country.

## Engineer Killed.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 12.—This afternoon two locomotives collided on the Erie and Wyoming railroad, near Pittston. One engine, of Danmore, an engineer, was instantly killed. Both engines were demolished.

## Natural Gas in Texas.

FORT WORTH, TEX., Feb. 12.—Gas was struck here at a depth of 380 feet. A rush of gas, accompanied by a cloud of sand, came from the well with a roar that could be heard a considerable distance.

## Publicly Whipped.

NEWCASTLE, DEL., Feb. 12.—Seven negroes and six whites, convicted of petty larcenies, were whipped from five to ten lashes each to-day. About two hundred spectators were present.

## Claimed Untrue.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Post denies the truth of the rumor that negotiations are being made with England to join a Franco-Russian alliance.

## A Citizen Claims to be the Coasting City of Kansas.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 12.—A citizen claims to be the coasting city of Kansas, and the Champion asserts that there is more fun on the Atchison hills than at the St. Paul ice palace or the famous toboggan chutes of Canada.

It is estimated that in the last ten years North Carolina has expended \$3,000,000 for commercial fertilizers, while the value of the crops has been only \$15,000,000.

Cigarette smoking has been prohibited in the City Hall at New York.

## THE COMMONWEALTH.

Legislative Proceedings.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 4.—SENATE.—A response was received from the Auditor to the resolution requiring the cost of the Geological Survey since its organization. The amount expended under Prof. Shaler for seven years, 1879-80, was \$1,626.48. Under Prof. Procter the expense has been for eight years, 1880-88, for the Geological Survey and Bureau of Immigration, \$7,076.00, of which \$25,000 was on account of Bureau of Immigration. Mr. Goebel reported a bill to amend Sec. Art. 6, Chap. 40 of the general Statutes. It provides for the settlement and to facilitate the payment of witness fees in certain cases. Passed.

HOUSE.—Another veto communication was received by the House from the Governor this morning. The bill vetoed is entitled "An act to incorporate the Rugby Railroad and Mining Company." Consideration of the message was made a special order for Tuesday at 11 o'clock. About sixty bills of a local nature were rushed through.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 6.—SENATE.—Leave to bring a good many bills, none of them important, was granted. A communication was laid before the Senate from the Auditor, in response to a Senate resolution for Tuesday at 11 o'clock. The expenditure of money paid for legal services in the interest of the State, and calling for the names of attorneys and amounts paid them for legal services in the past four calendar years, was made a special order for Tuesday at 11 o'clock. The report was ordered printed. Following is the list of attorneys and their fees: James P. Helm, \$100; John A. Helm, \$100; C. Wickham, \$50; Helm & Brown, \$100; Helm & Helm, \$100; Basil W. Duke, \$700; Brown, Humphries & Davis, \$5,0